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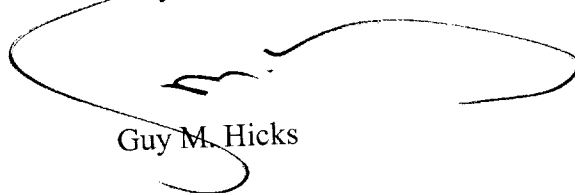
Re: *BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Entry Into Long Distance
(InterLATA) Service in Tennessee Pursuant to Section 271 of the
Telecommunications Act of 1996*
Docket No. 97-00309

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Consistent with the terms of the Report and Recommendation of the Hearing Office on January 22, 1998 Status Conference, BellSouth requests that the period for review of its SGAT be extended until such time as the TRA issues a final written order in TRA Docket No. 97-01262, *In re: Petition to Convene a Contested Case Proceeding to Establish "Permanent Prices" for Interconnection and Unbundled Network Elements*. BellSouth's request to extend the 60-day period for review of the SGAT under §252(f) of the Act is premised upon approval by the TRA of the January 27, 1998 Report and Recommendation of the Hearing Officer and attached procedural schedule.

This letter will be served on all parties of record via facsimile or hand delivery today.
Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



Guy M. Hicks

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